

BOBOLINGS

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CONCERNING FAPA BOOK

Twenty-two ye₂rs ago, in the first issue of Bobolings, I announced Fanzine Index. Now I can announce FAPA BOOK, the first several pages of which are included in this mailing.

At the time I joined FAPA--mailing 49, November 1949--Coslet was starting work on the Fapa Index. He had acquired the Laney collection, was putting information together, and even had some of the information on master. For several years, he promised to issue the index. He never did.

However, I wanted a good index of FAPA. I was slowly acquiring old fanzines, some of which were FAPA, and have a need to file such things. With no index, the file system I wanted--by mailing--was impossible. The obvious conclusion was that I should make my own.

There have been prior indexes to FAPA. The most complete to date is "The FAPA Index" by Larry Shaw, which covered the first 28 mailings, and which was distributed with the 30th mailing. Ellick and McPhail both covered the early mailings in some detail during the 1960's. These have been invaluable to me in attempting to resolve questionable points, and have served as one of my prime sources.

A second source has been the mailing reviews and Official Critic comments in the early FAPA mailings. They have been used extensively in verifying information.

Of course, I couldn't have used the second source without the third, which is the mailings themselves. My FAPA collection is extensive, but it is not complete. It was gathered over much time from a variety of sources. The earliest mailings came from Agnew, and include most of mailings 1 through 12. The next batch includes mailings 10 through 18, and came from Tucker through Norm Stanley. From 19 through 32 I have almost nothing, though 30B is complete. From 33 on my collection is essentially complete, but they were picked up at such random times, from so many sources, that I'm not sure of their source. I do know that at least one came (indirectly) from Myrtle R Douglas, at least three used to belong to Dale Hart, and that a couple came from Al Toth. From 48 onward, the collection is my own.

I am still very much in the market for those missing mailings, and for odds and ends in the first 47 mailings.

Bob Madle also was kind enough to let me borrow his early mailings, providing a further check on questionable items.

In general, I have not indicated indexing authority or source. If there is an item that I have doubts about, the source of my information is indicated in the text. Some items were indexed by others and are not mentioned at all in this index--an example would

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be Observations and Otherwise, indexed by McPhail in Phantasy Press 15 as part of the first mailing, but not included in any other index, in any copy of the mailing that I've seen, nor in McPhail's review of the first mailing which appeared in the second or third mailing.

Three sections of Fapa Book are planned. The Mailings will cover the contents of each mailing and present brief historical comment. The first sixteen mailings are covered this time; I hope to have the next sixteen in the next mailing. (Just so you'll know where I am, my card index is complete through mailing 55.)

Section two will cover the magazines, following the same format as Fanzine Index, but indicating the mailing in which the magazine was included. (Card file complete through mailing 55).

Section three is more tentative. If issued, it will cover the members. I've no idea on content or presentation, and have only gathered information from about mailings 42 through 72. It's potential, and if it appears at all it will be at least two years from now.

I would greatly appreciate comments, corrections, and suggestions.

For the next issue, I am in need of information on mailings 29, 31 and 32.

Extra copies of FAPA BOOK are available.

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